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Casual Workers in AIR and Doordarshan

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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that artists with 10 to 30 years of experience are providing their services at various Akashvani Kendras and Doordarshan as casual announcers and casual comperes;
- (b) if so, the details category-wise thereof along with the number of such casual workers various kendras and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any proposal to regularize the said working casual announcers and comperes is under consideration of the Government; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof indicating the time frame?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) and (b): In All India Radio (AIR), casual announcers and comperes are engaged on assignment basis for a maximum of 6 bookings in a month. This is a purely need based assignment. Number of such casual workers in various kendras is given at Annexure.

So far as Doordarshan is concerned, no casual announcers and comperes are booked. However, anchors are booked as per specific requirement of the Programme and expertise of the anchor. These anchors keep on changing as there is no permanent requirement for them.

(c) and (d): The casual announcers and comperes are engaged by the stations on assignment basis for maximum of 6 bookings in a month/ 72 days in a year, solely to meet the requirement of adding variety and interest to the programmes for which engagement on regular basis is not justified/ needed. As such any regularization of casual announcers/staff artists is administratively impractical and financially non-viable and therefore there is no proposal for their regularization.
